IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Noriyoshi CHIZAWA, et al.

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 **VIA EFS-WEB**

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated 24 July 2008, applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) concurrent herewith. The period for response having expired on October 24, 2008, applicant has also filed concurrent herewith a petition for a one month extension of time. The RCE and petition fees are being paid through the electronic filing system. The Commissioner, however, is authorized to charge any fees required to enter this paper and/or maintain the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 18-2056.